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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed August 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due November 19, 2002. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three month extension of time to February 19, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Transmittal Letter and Petition for extension of time
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